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DEATHS.

On the 27th December, at 11:30 p.m., at "Spurges," Peak Road, RACHEL, the dear wife of David HASKELL, aged 37 years. Deeply regretted.

On the 2nd December, at Shanghai, EDOUARD BARTZEN, aged 69 years.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DES VOLEX ROAD, C.I.

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HONGKONG, 29th December, 1902.

NOTWITHSTANDING the very cautious and statesmanlike speech delivered by Mr. BALFOUR at the Lord Mayor's banquet last month, it is clear to any one who can read between the lines that the condition in Europe is by no means satisfactory, and that unless something very unexpected happens the continent is rapidly drifting into a war which, as far as can be foreseen, will not be of less importance nor fraught with fewer territorial and constitutional changes than the struggle that followed the great upheaval of the nations after the great French Revolution. We have lately at some length spoken of one of the causes making for war in the mischievous movement of Pan-Germanism. The inevitable result of any attempt on the part of the North Germans to possess themselves of the German provinces of Austria will be the claim of Russia, with the tacit adhesion of the Slavonian provinces, to seize the former portions of Poland which she condescendedly gave to Prussia and Austria, as a sop to induce them to close their eyes while she swallowed up the lion's share of that ill-fated kingdom. But the position of Russia herself is one calling for grave consideration, as there are then also serious movements which seem to be impelling her, almost unconsciously to herself, into a life or death contest. Somewhat foolishly, it seems to us in the face of recent developments, our recent policy of yielding has

been, as it was certain to be, interpreted as due to fear, pure and simple, that being the only motive comprehensible to a nation in Russia's stage of semi-civilisation. That we committed a grave error in withdrawing our fleet from Port Arthur when we held in our hands the key to the entire position is now only too apparent to the most peacefully disposed. Our apparent weakness has in fact already brought us dangerously near the inevitable. But have we been lately displaying any firmer purpose? We made, it is true, an alliance practically offensive with Japan, but we find that, so far from taking any notice of it, Russia is quietly and steadily advancing in places and by methods that not very many months ago we held out to her would end in war. Yet in the face of this, with each step forward we withdraw and take a less prominent position. It is only a week or so ago since Russia quietly informed our Government that the time had come when in her own interests she ought to open direct communications with Afghanistan. We seem to have simply said, no, but to have refused our consent in such a half-hearted manner that not unnaturally she now tells us that she has been ever so long ago in direct correspondence and does not intend to withdraw. It never seems to have occurred to our statesmen when the idea was first suggested to point out to Russia that any change of policy on our part must be preceded by a fundamental change in her own methods. For instance, we have permitted ourselves little by little to be excluded from the entire of the continent of Asia except the seaboard. When Russia takes measures to throw these regions open to our commerce and our influence we are quite prepared to view in the fullest and most friendly spirit of reciprocity her wishes. As the case is, every step gained by Russia becomes the ground for asking for more, to the direct loss not only of our prestige, but of our means and capacity for trade. When is this to stop? Stop it must, and that soon unless we intend to give up our independence, and continue to exist merely on the sufferance of Russia. The question is not here of waiting for a convenient season. As matters stand we have to face the inevitable; shall we be better prepared six weeks or six months, or even two years hence, if by going back we should encourage Russia in her present mood? When we come to look into Russia's internal condition, we can see that unless some very definite course be taken to put an end to this game of aggression, Russia herself will be utterly unable to extricate herself from the consequences of her own wilful acts. As yet Russia is in a manner a free agent, but the internal causes at work are rapidly driving her along a course where the only alternative to bursting up her own Empire will be to dominate the liberty not of one state, but of the whole of Europe. A very interesting letter from a Russian statesman, Prince MESTCHERSKY, which appeared in the *Times*, arrived by last mail, throws a lurid light on the internal condition of the Empire. You English speak lightly, he said, of the introduction of representative institutions into Russia, as if that could be a panacea. How would Englishmen with their experience of free institutions behave under an autocracy? The real evil of Russia is her irresponsible bureaucracy: would you desire to see that increased and strengthened? Yet that would be the inevitable result of introducing institutions which need the education of centuries. Look at France, whose "farcical" constitution is debasing and degrading her; would not Russia be in worse state? The real evil is far deeper. Prince MESTCHERSKY sees the only possible escape for Russia in an autocracy; but is an autocracy on the old lines that have built up the Russian Empire any more possible? We know not, and herein lies the danger that is driving Russia headlong to perdition, and threatening to take Europe with her. Circumstances are uncertain at the moment; the Emperor NICOLAS II is not certainly fitted for an autocrat; he has no son, and is now hardly likely to have one. The next heir of feeble constitution, and at best displays none of those marks of a strong man that would enable him to grasp the needs of the country, and insist on their being brought into action. The third heir is unpopular with people and bureaucracy, and any attempt to disturb the latter already by a prince who possessed the confidence of the entire people would bring him to the end only too familiar to reforming Tars. Whatever happens, the bureaucracy feels that there is coming a struggle for existence, and every effort to divert the attention of the nation by diplomatic or military victories may, we may rest assured, be attempted. Our statesmen probably have foreseen this, but they exhibit no sign of comprehending it. Herein lies the danger. Unless we take some stronger steps than we have hitherto done we are giving Russia the chance of selecting her own time and place for beginning the conflict.

The British troopship *Cleopatra* left on Saturday for Calcutta with the 10th Jats on board. Yesterday the U.S. monitor *Monterey* left for Canton.

The wife of Mr. David Haskell, merchant, of this Colony, died at "Spurges," Peak Road on Saturday, and was buried at Happy Valley yesterday. Much sympathy in his great loss is extended to Mr. Haskell.

The funeral took place at Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon of Gunner Ponson, R.G.A., who committed suicide on the previous afternoon by jumping from the upper verandah in "C" Block. He had been in the Army for over eleven years.

There has been a report in Shanghai, says the *N.C. Daily News*, that river steamers for the proposed French company are being built at the Foochow Arsenal. As far as we can learn from Foochow the report is unfounded, the only vessel building at the arsenal there being a steamer 160 feet long.

The Indian watchman whose stoppage of a Chinese girl whom he suspected of theft is said to have been the primary cause of the fatal fight a week ago between Chinese workmen and Indian watchmen at Quarry Bay, was on Saturday charged at the Police Court with assault and remanded.

We have a copy of the first number of the *Anglo-Chinese College Magazine*, a production put up by the students of the Anglo-Chinese College, Kulanang, Amoy, and edited by Mr. J. C. G. Cumming, of the College. The magazine gives promise of being a valuable educational means for the students.

Messrs. Erich Georg & Co. say in their weekly share list, dated Hongkong, 27th December:—Christmas holidays have interfered with the business, and but little has been done in shares during the week under review. The market is, however, with a much firmer tendency for a good many stocks.

Verdict was given on the 17th inst. in the action of the grogshop-keepers against the *Nagasaki Press*. Judgment was in favour of the defendants with costs. This was an action brought by grogshop-keepers at Nagasaki, who considered themselves libelled by certain remarks made by the *Nagasaki Press* on the way their business was conducted.

The *Messageries Maritimes* mail steamer *Haiphong* will leave here for Toukin on the 1st prox. under the new arrangement, which enables a person to see the *Haiphong* Exposition, spend five days in Toukin, and return to Hongkong within nine days. The reduced fare remains as before, \$75 return ticket. Eighty passengers went down on the last trip, and no doubt a larger number will leave for the New Year holidays.

There has just been issued from the office of this paper the *Directory of Protestant Missions in China, Japan and Korea* for the year 1903. The contents are included in the large *Directory*, but for convenience are also published in this separate form. A complete list of names will be found within its pages. The different missions are arranged in alphabetical order, and there is at the end a similarly compiled list of missionaries, so that reference is easy. This *Directory* extends to over 80 pp.

We have received from the agents here of the *Pacific Mail S.S. Co.* a pictorial card giving the times of the record run achieved by their splendid new steamer, the *Korea*, 12,000 tons, on her first voyage from Yokohama to San Francisco. At the top of the card is a photographic view of the vessel. As has been already made known through the *Daily Press*, the steamer sailed from Yokohama on 18th October at 12.43 p.m. and arrived at San Francisco on the 28th at 10.30 a.m., her time here, after being 10 days, 15 hours, 15 minutes.

The British Municipal Councils of Tientsin have issued the following order:—"It having been decided that the use of laden trolleys in the public roads is detrimental to the safety and convenience of the public, and entails undue wear and tear on the roads by reason of the concentration of weight, notice is hereby given that excepting on the Bund, laden trolleys will not be allowed in the roads after March 1st, 1903." Some such order would be appreciated in Hongkong, where the street dangers from heavy hand-carts are notorious.

A Shanghai native paper's Peking correspondent writes that "General Sun's policy in quelling the Kwangsi rebellion has been pardoning those insurgents who surrendered. Lately he has again asked permission of the Grand Council to pardon a prominent rebel leader, Hsin Ching-ien and others. The Grand Council replied that the General's policy could be used as a temporary remedy only, but could never be pursued as a permanent one. Again a rebel leader Hsin and others are of a most fickle nature and full confidence should not be given to their promises, so the General must test them to their full before accepting their surrender."

In connection with the *Frances* which occurred at Kowloon on Saturday, the 20th inst., between some soldiers of the 10th Bombay Light Infantry on one side, and the police and a few civilians on the other, we learn that the military authorities have taken measures for the punishment of the offenders belonging to the regiment. General regret must be felt among Kowloon residents at the unfortunate occurrence, which and every effort to divert the attention of the nation by diplomatic or military victories may, we may rest assured, be attempted. Our statesmen probably have foreseen this, but they exhibit no sign of comprehending it. Herein lies the danger. Unless we take some stronger steps than we have hitherto done we are giving Russia the chance of selecting her own time and place for beginning the conflict.

Joint Stock Shares, Northern Notes, and Late Telegrams will be found on page 5.

Mr. Griscom, the new U.S. Minister to Tokyo, is a son of the President of Morgan's Atlantic Comline.

The surplus of the Coronation Fund at Tientsin, \$5,917, is to be handed to the Diamond Jubilee Hospital there towards the cost of an Isolation Ward.

The new "Shire" liner *Monmouthshire* on her recent voyage lost two blades of her propeller in the Island Sea of Japan and another between Kobe and Yokohama, and has to dock either there or at Urata.

The Builders' and Traders' Exchange of Honolulu has passed a resolution in favour of the admission of Chinese labour to the Hawaiian Islands. It is to be forwarded to the U.S. Government.

The *China Times* of the 15th inst. has a statement that an Imperial Decree issued on the 12th announces that the Government would take over all the shares in the China Merchants' S. N. Co. at par, and place the future control of the company in the hands of H.E. Yuan Shih-kai.

There are at present four merchant steamers under the Korean flag, but the peninsular Government possesses no navy. The *Osaka Asahi* learns that the Karsaki dockyard, Kobe, has obtained the contract for the construction and arming of a Korean cruiser. The cost is fixed at \$50,000 yen, of which \$5,000 is being paid in advance. This, the first Korean warship, will have a displacement of 1,800 tons and a speed of 14 knots, and is intended to be employed as a Government transport, and lightship and Customs cruiser in ordinary times. She is to be ready for sea in 18 months. The cost of construction is to be appropriated from Customs revenues, and it is reported that Mr. McLevy Brown, Chief Commissioner of Korean Customs, is one of those who signed the agreement for the Korean Government.

THE QUARRY BAY AFFAIR.
As a result of investigations made by the police in connection with the murder of an Indian watchman at Quarry Bay on the 20th inst., a posse of police under Mr. F. J. Badley visited Shaikwan on Saturday night, and it is said that something like twenty Chinese have been arrested in connection with the affair.

MASONIC.
At a regular meeting on Saturday evening of Zeladan Lodge No. 525 Wor. Bro. B. Brotherton Harker was installed Worshipful Master, the ceremony being performed by Wor. Bro. E. C. Ray, Deputy District Grand Master. The following officers for 1903 were afterwards invested:—I.P.M., Wor. Bro. J. S. James Bryan; S.W. Bro. I. W. L. Oliver; I.G., W. Bro. Henry Sykes; chaplain, Bro. T. Wright; treasurer, Wor. Bro. G. J. B. Sayer; S.D., Bro. W. H. Purcell; D.C., Bro. Geo. A. Diss; I.G., Bro. G. Patton; secretary, Bro. E. Rulphs; J.D., Bro. A. H. Skelton; organist, Bro. G. Grimble; taylor, Bro. I. Vanstone; steward, Bro. J. Parkes and J. C. Lowe.

RAVERY RECOGNISED.
In our issue of the 23rd inst. we published the following paragraph:—"On Sunday a sampan was capsized in Yaumati Bay by a cargo-boat running into it. The occupants, a woman and two children, were thrown into the water, and ran a narrow escape for their lives. A Yaumati ferry-boat was passing at the time, and seeing the danger, two Chinamen jumped into the water and held up the drowning trio until they were safely picked up. One of the children was far spent and had to be sent to hospital." A Parsee gentleman has written us from Canton enclosing a \$10 bill which he asks should be given to the two Chinese men who rescued the sampan people, and we shall be glad if the police, who supplied us with the information, could trace them for us, when the money will be handed over.

PROPOSED NEW DOCK AT MOJI.

The *Nagasaki Press* states on the authority of a vernacular paper that the proposal in favour of establishing a dockyard company at Moji, with a capital of 500,000 yen subscribed jointly by both Japanese and foreigners, is now being realized under the leadership of Mr. Yasutaro Shindo. The result of the promoter's conference held on the 26th of last month was that they decided to construct a dry dock having a length of 400 ft., a breadth of 75 ft. and a depth of 28 ft., and a patent slip for the accommodation of coasting steamers. The promoters are now arranging to form a joint stock company to expedite the realization of their scheme. The paper adds that the promoters desire to complete the work of construction in 18 months from its commencement.

THE FORMOSA OPIUM CONTRACT CASE.

The hearing was resumed in the Kowloon Chink-Saibansho before Judge Syemage and two Associate Judges, of the action brought by Mr. Robert Hughes against Sir Marcus Samuel and other partners of the firm of Messrs. Samuel & Co. of Kobe and Yokohama. Mr. Hirata appeared for the plaintiff, but the defendants did not appear and were not represented in Court, and the case was proceeded with in default of the defendants. Mr. Hirata having stated the subject matter of the claim and explained the position, judgement was given for the full amount claimed.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, 26th December, 11.10 p.m.

ITALIAN MISSIONARY CLAIMS.

The Italian Ministry has fixed the indemnity due to the Italian missionaries in China at 14,000,000 francs.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

SHANGHAI, 28th December, 11.22 a.m.

A CHINESE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS.

Viceroy Yuan Shih-kai has proposed and the Imperial Government has accepted a scheme for the formation of a Department of Communications on the Japanese model, having complete control of China's postal service.

GERMAN POST OFFICE AT SHANGHAI.

A great ceremony took place here yesterday over the laying of the foundation-stone of a grand German post-office in the British settlement.

SHANGHAI, 28th December, 4.20 p.m.

WELL-KNOWN TRAVELLER COMING HERE.

Mr. A. H. Savage Landor arrived here to-day by the Pacific Mail s.s. *China*, and is going to Hongkong.

GENERAL NEWS.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, 26th December, 11.10 p.m.

VENEZUELA.

President Roosevelt has declined to act as arbitrator in the Venezuelan disputes. The European Governments concerned have therefore agreed to accept arbitration by the Hague tribunal.

FIRES.

Fire broke out at about half-past two o'clock on Saturday morning in a boxmaker's shop at 318, Queen's Road West, and the whole three stories of the house were completely gutted. The damage is not stated.

On Saturday night at five minutes to eleven o'clock the alarm was given that fire had broken out at 2, Queen Victoria Street, opposite the Central Market. The Fire Brigade were speedily in attendance, but were for about ten minutes after their arrival on the scene unable to commence operations, owing to the water supply in the mains being cut off—the result of the intermittent system. The fire had originated in the ground floor of the house a comrade's shop. Its subjection would in all probability have been a matter of only a few minutes if water had been available, but as it was the Brigade had to stand by and see the flames spreading while they waited for the hoses to fill. A great volume of flame and smoke was belching out of the ground floor. One by one the three upper stories became involved before water was available. At length the Brigade were

THE EVACUATION OF SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, 22nd December.
DEPARTURE OF GERMAN TROOPS—FATAL ACCIDENT.

The departure of 150 men of the German garrison from Shanghai on Saturday morning was marred by a fatal accident. As the company, headed by officers and the band of the regiment, were passing the offices of the Equitable Life Insurance Society, on the Bund, the horse of a mounted infantryman collided in some way with a carriage, shied, and threw its rider, a young man 24 years of age, named H. G. Dann. Both legs of the unfortunate soldier were broken, several arteries were severed, and, to make the nature of the fatality more terrible, a sharp knife in one of his trouser pockets was driven, by the force of the impact, right into the groin. Prompt assistance was immediately rendered by Dr. Wendel, the regimental doctor, who was present, and a number of gentlemen who witnessed the accident. Dann was taken inside the offices of the Imperial Bank, and from there was conveyed to the General Hospital. Hero, despite every effort to save his life, the poor fellow died during the afternoon.

In connection with the departure of the troops another regrettable feature made itself apparent, and that was the absence of British officers at the jetty. The officers of the French garrison were present, and it is a pity that a misunderstanding should have interfered with the presence of the British officers to bid a hearty adieu to their German *confrères*. Owing to this omission, the German garrison may not be officially represented at the departure of the British troops to-day.

Later in the day on Saturday a company of the German garrison embarked on board a steamer for Tsingtao. They marched from the camp to the jetty accompanied by the regimental bands and drum and fife bands.

The 10th Jits will start from the Jessfield camp at eight o'clock this morning. At the Loong-ki Bridge they will be met by the Town Band, which will play them down the Malo, along the Bund, and over the Garden Bridge to the Shanghai and Hongkow Wharf, where they will embark on the transport *Cleve*. From two till three o'clock this afternoon a reception will be held on board by Major Maxwell and the officers of the regiment. The transport will leave soon after three o'clock.

Shanghai, 23rd December.
DEPARTURE OF BRITISH TROOPS.

Yesterday the British garrison, consisting of a battalion of the 10th Jits, left Shanghai for India. The camp at Jessfield was left at eight o'clock, the column being preceded by four mounted Sikh police, and headed by Major Maxwell, the officers, and the regimental band. When passing the German Camp in Bubbling Well Road, the troops were joined by Count von Schlippenbach, the Commander of the German garrison, and several German officers, who accompanied their comrades in arms. At the Loong-ki Bridge the Town Band met the troops, and played them down the Malo, and along the Bund into Hongkow, where they marched straight on board the transport *Cleve*, moored at the Shanghai and Hongkow Wharf. The men, who were attired in khaki service uniform, looked fit and well, and their progress through the Settlement created much interest among the foreign and Chinese spectators.

In the afternoon a reception was held on board the *Cleve* by the officers for their friends, and it was largely attended. Mr. R. W. Mansfield (British Consul), Mr. F. S. A. Bourne (Acting Chief Justice), Lt. Col. Durst (Military Attaché), Lt. Col. Mackenzie (S.V.C.), Madame and M. L. Rasturi (French Consul), and the whole of the officers of the French garrison, being conspicuous on deck. The Town Band, stationed near the ship, played appropriate tunes from two till three o'clock, and then all visitors disembarked. "Auld Lang Syne," "A Life on the Ocean Wave," and "God Save the King" were given by the regimental band, and the big ship slowly moved away from the wharf. As she started on her homeward journey, hearty cheers were given and responded to, and the crew of H.M.S. *Pique*, formed up on the deck of the warship, gave their comrades of the sister service a rousing farewell.

Throughout their stay in Shanghai, the officers have made numerous friends, who were all sorry to bid them good-bye, and the men have done much to enhance, by their behaviour, the fine record for excellent conduct held by the men of the Indian Army, who have been in China since 1900—*N.C. Daily News*.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

POLICE SMOKING CONCERT.

By permission of Mr. F. J. Badsey, Captain Superintendent, the Hongkong Police held a smoking concert on Saturday evening in the Mess Room at the Central Station. The entertainment was highly successful, and the various items on the programme were very well sustained. Sergeant H. Garrod presided with his accustomed acceptance. The company numbered in all about 150. Among those present were Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, A.D.S.P., Chief Inspector A. Mackie, Inspectors H. G. Baker, W. L. Ford, J. Gauld, D. D. Cuthbert, and J. H. Gidley. The entertainers were the Brothers Francis, who gave exhibitions of their skill as variety instrumentalists besides playing the pianoforte accompaniments; Messrs. W. Dockree, Debenham, Robin, Harris, F. Varney, Armitage, P. Martin, McCarthy, J. Cooper, vocalists; C. Burnett, vocalist and electrician; W. Rogers, comic singer; Gus Gregory, comedian and comic soloist; and last but not least, Captain Calder, who gave a humorous description in verse of a voyage up from Australia. Mr. Goodwill also assisted at the piano. Refreshments were served during the evening and a most enjoyable time was spent, though the proceedings near the finish were suddenly cut short by the ring of the fire-hill. The Committee in charge of the arrangements carried out their work admirably. Mr. H. Garrod was president, and the other members were Messrs. M. Davitt (vice-president), J. C. Wildin, E. H. Evans, J. Gibson, W. Wright and J. Doveneay.

CONCERT AT KOWLOON DOCKS.

On Saturday evening, at Kowloon Docks, an enjoyable variety entertainment was given by the members of the Dock Amateur Dramatic Society. The programme comprised instrumental and vocal numbers and a couple of sketches, both of which went very well. Mrs. Cogg won applause by her cleverly executed contributions on the piano and violin.

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. v. UNITED SERVICES.

The result of this match, which was played on Friday and Saturday last, was a great disappointment to the Club supporters, many of whom thought the Club team to be a strong one, and one likely to make a good fight against their powerful opponents. At no time, however, did the Club look like making anything of a game of it, and their backers can scarcely be said to have had even a run for their money. The only satisfactory thing about the match, from the Club's point of view, was the fact that the bowling was distinctly better than usual. J. T. Dixon especially bowled very well, and Garde and Pearce would appear to be quite above the average; in fact, if the bowling had only been backed up by better fielding—especially in the matter of holding catches—and butting of even average quality the match might well have resulted quite differently; as it was, however, the butting broke down completely and not one of the team can be said to have shown any form worth mentioning. For an apparently fairly strong batting side to be dismissed twice on a good wicket, by bowling such as was brought against them, for a total of 104, does not say much for the capabilities of the Club batsmen at the present time, and it would appear that more regular practice at the nets would be beneficial. Owing to the late arrival of the Naval contingent, a start could not be made on Friday until 11.50. Garde beat Ward in the toss, but, contrary to expectation, he decided to send his opponents in first. It is doubtful whether anything was gained by this decision, but certainly, as the game went, nothing was lost by it. The Club began batting with Turner and E. W. Maitland, and Mackinlay and Fawcett started the bowling. With only 4 runs scored, Maitland was out and W. Dixon came in. He survived the first ball he received, but was smartly caught at the wicket off the second. Arthur followed and infused a little life into the game and hope into the hearts of his side by making two or three good hits. In the meantime, however, Turner had been bowled for 5, and J. T. Dixon took his place. When he had made 12, Arthur was clean bowled by Mackinlay. Ward in the meantime had given two chances to cover point; otherwise his innings was a capital one in every way. With Moore in, another stand was made and, though frequent changes were made in the bowling, the score was taken to 99 before Pringle succeeded to a fast one from Cooper. Pringle had played excellent cricket for his 33, and, so far as could be seen, gave no chance. Moore also played well, though he gave a palpable chance to the wicket-keeper. He was joined by Clark, who hit up 22 in a very short time; he, however, was badly missed by Powell in the long field, as also was Moore, and had it not been for these mistakes the total of the Service team would have been much smaller. Moore's 49 was nevertheless a capital innings and was invaluable to his side. None of the others did much and the innings eventually terminated at 45 for 107. The ground fielding of the Club was better than usual, but the inability of some of them to hold catches was simply lamentable. J. T. Dixon bowled uncommonly well, taking 6 wickets for 35, and it was a pity that he was not put on sooner. Pearce bowled well and took 2 wickets for 14. Cooper is a decided acquisition as a bowler, and with a wicket to suit him should be much more effective. With the downfall of the fast Service wicket, stamps were drawn for the day.

Play began at 11.35 on Saturday, the delay being this time caused by the late arrival of several members of the Club team. Ward and Turner opened the batting and Mackinlay and Fawcett again started the bowling. Ward cut the first ball sent down for 4 and made and upped his hit for 2; in Mackinlay's second over, however, he was caught at the wicket from a ball that popped up on the back of his hand. This was but the first of the many disasters that were to follow. The batting had been bad in the first innings, but it was worse in the second and only E. Maitland, Pearce and W. Dixon succeeded in making double figures. These three, indeed, were the only men to make any show at all; the least said about the rest, the better. E. W. Maitland distinguished himself by 'bagging a brace' and others nearly succeeded in following his example. The whole side was out for a miserable 32, which, with the 102 of the first innings, gave them their opponents only 23 runs to get. The fielding of the Service men was again good and Fawcett bowled with great success, taking 5 wickets for 21 runs.

Rimington and Pringle were sent in to make the necessary 23 runs, and J. T. Dixon and Pearce bowled. When he had made 11 out of 22, Rimington was stumped. The batsman did not appear to understand the decision, but there is no doubt that it was a correct one as he raised his right foot just as the ball fell from the wicket-keeper's hands on to the wicket. Moore joined Pringle, and between them they had no difficulty in knocking off the necessary 6 runs. The match thus ended in a hollow victory for the United Services by 9 wickets. The following are the full scores and analyses—

H.K.C.C.

Second Innings.

W. G. D. Turner, b Fawcett	5	b Fawcett	3
R. W. Maitland, c Clark	0	c Garde, b Fitch	0
b Maitland	1	b Fitch	16
William Dixon, c Garde	0	b Fitch	12
H. Arthur, b Mackinlay	12	not out	3
J. T. Dixon, c Garde, b	1		
Mackinlay, b Fitch	20	b Mackinlay	1
A. G. Ward (Capt.)	21	b Fitch	18
T. E. Pierce, b Mackinlay	15	c Garde, b Mackinlay	6
S. Powell, c Smith	6	b Fitch	9
P. T. Lambie, not out	10	c Smith, b Clark	7
C. R. S. Cooper, c Moore	0		
b Mackinlay	2	c Clark	5
Extras	2	Extras	3
Total	102	Total	92
UNITED SERVICES.			
First Innings.			
Capt. Fawcett, R.A., b	7		
B. Garde, R.N., b J. T.	1		
T. Dixon, c Garde	41		
C. H. McPringle, E.N., b	35		
b Cooper	35	not out	12
G. Moore, E.N., b J. T.	40		
Lt. Smith, E.A., c and b	11		
J. T. Dixon	11		
Lt. Toulmin, R.M.L.I., b	0		
J. T. Dixon	0		
Major Clark, R.A.M.C., b	22		
Lambie, b Pearce	22		
A. V. Mackinlay, R.N., b	1		
J. T. Dixon, b Pearce	1		
Lt. Rimington, S.F., not out	0	st Arthur, b Pearce	11
Lt. Maitland, E.N., c Pearce	11		
b J. T. Dixon	1		
E. W. Fawcett, R.M.	1		
Ward, b J. T. Dixon	9		
Extras	9	Extras	4
Total	167	Tl. (for one wicket)	81
BOWLING ANALYSIS.			
H.K.C.C.			
First Innings.			
O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.
Mackinlay	17	3	45
G. Moore	6	27	1
b Fawcett	4	21	9.5
Toulmin	0	7	1
Clark			5
			17
UNITED SERVICES.			
O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.
Cooper	10	42	1
Powell	102	25	1
W. Dixon	3	11	
Lambie	4	21	
J. T. Dixon	17	6	35
Ward	6	14	3
			13
Total			
WARD'S TEAM.			
W. G. D. Turner, b W. Dixon	15		
H. Arthur, b Toulmin	7		
J. T. Dixon, b W. Dixon	7		
S. Powell, b Toulmin	4		
Capt. Fawcett, R.A., b W. Dixon	0		
C. H. McPringle, E.N., b W. Dixon	0		
E. W. Fawcett, R.N., b Rimington	25		
P. T. Lambie, b W. Dixon	22		
A. G. Silcock, R.N., b Rimington	2		
G. A. Woodcock, not out	2		
Extras	2		
Total	83		
WARD'S TEAM.			
G. Moore, R.N., b Powell	8		
Lt. Bird, R.M.L.I., b Fitch	1		
Lt. Toulmin, R.M.L.I., c Arthur, b J. T.	23		
Ward, b J. T. Dixon	23		
Major Clark, R.A.M.C., b Fawcett	15		
Lt. Maitland, R.N., b Fawcett	2		
Lt. Raymond, E.N., not out	8		
Lt. Rimington, S.F., not out	8		
G. P. Lamont, not bat			
A. G. Ward, not bat			
Extras	12		
Total	97		
BOWLING ANALYSIS.			
CAPT. FAWCETT'S TEAM.			
O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.
G. Moore, R.N., b Powell	8		
Lt. Bird, R.M.L.I., b Fitch	1		
Lt. Toulmin, R.M.L.I., c Arthur, b J. T.	23		
Ward, b J. T. Dixon	23		
Major Clark, R.A.M.C., b Fawcett	15		
Lt. Maitland, R.N., b Fawcett	2		
Lt. Raymond, E.N., not out	8		
Lt. Rimington, S.F., not out	8		
G. P. Lamont, not bat			
A. G. Ward, not bat			
Extras	12		
Total	97		
WARD'S TEAM.			
O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.
W. Dixon	7.4	36	5
Toulmin	4	39	2
Rimington	3	19	2
			2
WARD'S TEAM.			
O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.
Powell	1	1	1
Fitch	4	17	1
J. T. Dixon	5	29	2
Fawcett	4	24	2
Total	97		
BOWLING ANALYSIS.			
CAPT. FAWCETT'S TEAM.			
O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.	O. M. R. W.
M. H. "Steine", b Toy	3		
J. D. Kinnaird, b Bridgeman	12		
L. E. Lamont, run out	12		
R. P. Poston, b Toy	0		
A. G. Pringle, b Bridgeman	42		
M. E. Gregor, b Smith	3		
E. Basu, c and b with	7		
L. A. Rose, b Toy	7		
J. L. Stuart, b Smith	9		
J. P. Jordan, b Bridgeman	1		
A. E. Aspin, not out	4		
Extras	8		
Total	103		
KOWLOON DEPOT C.C.			
C. Combe, run out	24		
Furzton, b Brown	13		
Lighthill, b Brown	4		

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PRICES MODERATE.
CONSULTATION FREE.
56, DES VŒUX ROAD (corner Pottinger Street),
Hongkong, 6th December, 1902. [3277]

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S U R G E O N D E N T I S T .
No. 10, D'AGUILAR STREET.
TERMS VERY MODERATE
Consultation Free.
Hongkong, 22nd September, 1902. [2225]

M. E. C H A D W I C K K E W
D E N T A L S U R G E O N ,
No. 39, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
Office Hours—9 A.M. to 5 P.M.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1902. [3346]

NOTICE.

WING to the large increase in the cost of
Fodder, &c., we are obliged to raise the
price of our MILK to 12 Cents per Small
Bottle, from 1st JANUARY NEXT.

THE DAILEY FARM CO. LTD.,
S. A. SETH,
Secretary.
THE HONGKONG DAIRY,
G. W. GEGG,
Manager.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1902. [3390]

CARTRIDGES.

IMPORTED EVERY MONTH, THESE-
FORE ALWAYS FRESH.

ELEY'S, SCHULTZE'S, AMBERITE
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CARTRIDGES 8, 10, 12, 16, and 20 BORE,
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all Sizes. Nos. 10 to SSSG. AIR GUNS and
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WM. SCHMIDT & CO.
Hongkong, 28th November, 1902. [1152]

INSURANCES

SALAMANDER FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company, are
requested to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE
at Current Rates. HCTZ, ACOB & CO.,
Hongkong, 2nd Av., 1900. [29]

AACHEN AND MUNICH FIRE IN-
SURANCE CO. OF AIX-LA-CHAPELLE.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company, are
requested to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE
at Current Rates. REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. [118]

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCAN-
TILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1901.
£15,722,653.

I. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL £3,000,000 0 0
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL 2,750,000 0 0
PAID-UP CAPITAL 687,500 0 0
II. FIRE FUNDS 2,695,548 5 2

The Undersigned, having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company, are
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at Current Rates. SHEWAN, TOME & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 1st July, 1902. [1796]

"L'URBAINE"
FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.
(Established 1883.)

THE Undersigned, having been appointed
GENERAL AGENTS for the above
Company, are requested to ACCEPT RISKS
at Current Rates. P. LEMAIRE & CO.,
Hongkong, 7th February, 1901. [173]

GENERAL MARINE INSUR-
ANCE COMPANY, LIMITED,
OF DRESDEN.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company, are
prepared to ACCEPT FOREIGN and
CHINESE RISKS.

HOTZ, S. JACOB & CO.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1902. [2327]

TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSUR-
ANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

The Undersigned, having been appointed
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prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE
at Current Rates.

SIEMSSSEN & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 16th November, 1872.

THE WESTERN ASSURANCE COM-
PANY OF TORONTO, CANADA.
INCORPORATED 1851.

Cash Security 2635,719
Total Losses Paid 26,769,240

THE Undersigned, having been appointed
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prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE
at Current Rates. WM. MEYERINK & CO.,
Hongkong, 22nd July, 1902. [142]

THE GENIX FIRE OFFICE.

The Undersigned are now prepared to
GRANT POLICIES of INSURANCE
against FIRE at Current Rates.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
Agents for the Phoenix Fire Office,
Hongkong, 17th August, 1887. [18]

SUN INSURANCE OFFICE, LONDON.

FOUNDED 1710.

The Undersigned, having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company, are
requested to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE
at Current Rates.

SIEMSSSEN & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 16th May, 1892.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSUR-
ANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

The Undersigned AGENTS of the above
Company are PREPARED TO ACCEPT First
Class Foreign and Chinese Risks at Current
Rates.

SIEMSSSEN & CO.,
Hongkong, 20th May 1895. [27]

THE AMERICAN SYSTEM
OF
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JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth say in their weekly
share report, dated Hongkong, 24th December:
"Owing to the Christmas holidays only a few
days have elapsed since our last report was
issued, and in the interval nothing of importance
has occurred in our market, which continues
generally very quiet."

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai have
again been booked in small lots at \$6525, and
the rate is now steady. London has improved
to 233. Nationals can be procured at the
reduced rate of \$23.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions have buyers
to do away with the posts in front of their
houses, to which they customarily attach
mail-sheds. The people did not take the order
seriously, thinking that it was only some official
trick, but one day an official came round in a
chair, with a sword, and sawed every
post off also some of the more obstructive
sign-boards.

The registered British tonnage entering the
port of Tientsin for the year 1902 has been
375,943 tons; as the number of vessels was 339
this gives an average of 1,100 tons per ship.

The analogous figures for 1901 were 356,893

tons, and the number of vessels 344, giving an
average tonnage of 1,037 tons per vessel.

We imagine the deduction from these figures is
not that the size of the coasting steamers has
increased, but that larger ocean-going vessels
have come to Taku bar straight from England
and European ports.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongkong continues
to offer at \$345, and China at \$845.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong and Macao have
fallen to \$344 in the early part of the period
under review, but recovered immediately to \$35,
at which there are buyers. Indo-Chinas are
slightly firmer under settlement influences,
and are wanted at \$83. Douglasses have been
negotiated at \$41, and are now required for at
\$44. Star Furries have sold and are wanted
at \$23 (old) and \$13 (new). Shell transpor-
ts have declined to \$1. 7s. 6d. dollars.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have improved
to \$466 buyers. Luxons continue on offer at \$124.

MINING.—Punjams are easier again with
sellers at \$23. Raubs are wanted at \$6

Jelabas and Charbonnages are unchanged.

DOCKS, WHARVES & DOCKOWAYS.—Hongkong
and Whampoa Docks have been booked at \$2124
and \$210, and close with some buyers at the
lower rate. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves
are wanted at \$885. New Amoy Docks continue
on offer at \$41.

LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.—Hongkong

Lands have unchanged at \$185 buyers. Kowloon

Lands have sold at \$301 and \$31 and are
required for at the higher figure.

West Pointa continue in request at \$57. Humphreys
Estates are quiet at \$12, after sales at \$124 and \$12.

Hongkong Hotels have been booked at \$149 and are
offering at \$144. Orienta Hotels are
negotiated at \$371 sellers.

COTTON MILLS.—Ewes are unchanged at
Tis. 40. Internationals are quoted Tis. 40.
Lau Kong Mows at Tis. 44, and Soyochees at
Tis. 160. Hongkong Cottons can still be pro-
cured at \$174.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Manila Investments have
sellers at \$144. Green Island Cements have
been booked at \$204 and close with probable
buyers. Hongkong Electricities are wanted at
\$13.10 (old) and \$8.65 (new). Reposes can be
placed at \$120. Tramways have sold at \$345.
Steam Water-boats are wanted at \$8.65.
Providents are in strong demand at \$8.65 with
no sellers under \$10. China Light and Powers
have sold and are in further request at \$8.0.
Philippine Tobacco Trusts have tumbled to \$30
sellers.

MEMOS.—China Borac Company, extra-
ordinary general meeting on the 29th instant.

The Venezuelan prop. for arbitration. Italy
delivered an ultimatum yesterday. She claims a
hundred and twenty thousand pounds sterling.

The Italian Minister calls Carrias to-day.

As a consequence of the bombardment of Puerto Caballo, it is now
known that the British cruiser "Charybdis" received a shot in the bow, and the German
man-of-war "Vine" was struck twice. A German
officer is reported to have been killed. Admiral

OCEAN STEAM SHIP COMPANY, LTD.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON.

MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.

OUTWARDS.

STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL... "TELEMACHUS"	On 6th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL... "PROMETHEUS"	On 8th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL... "PYRRHUS"	On 14th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL... "DIOMED"	On 28th January.

HOMEWARDS.

STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON... "PELEUS"	On 6th January.
LONDON... "ANTENOR"	On 20th January.
LONDON... "TELEMACHUS"	On 3rd February.
LONDON... "PROMETHEUS"	On 17th February.
GENOA and LIVERPOOL... "TYDEUS"	On 20th January.
LIVERPOOL DIRECT... "DARDANUS"	On 20th February.
(Taking cargo at London Rates) MARSEILLES and ANTWERP... "PYRRHUS"	On 21st February.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

AGENTS.

Hongkong 27th December, 1902.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

HONGKONG TO SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE VIA USUAL AUSTRALIAN PORTS OF CALL.

AVERAGE LENGTH OF VOYAGE TO SYDNEY 20 DAYS.

Saloon Passengers carried at SPECIALLY REDUCED RATES, particulars of which can be obtained on application to the Undersigned.

NEXT SAILINGS.

"CHINGTU" ... leaves on 26th December.

"TAIYUAN" ... " 20th January.

"TSINWAN" ... " 16th February.

"CHANGSHA" ... " 7th March.

Superior accommodation amidships. Electric Light throughout. Fitted with Refrigerators which ensure a fresh supply of Ice and Provisions during the entire voyage. Duly qualified European Surgeons carried.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE

AGENTS

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1902. [1981

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR GENOA, LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"BENLOMOND."

Captain Stanton, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 31st inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [3423

FOR SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SANTA ROSALIA (MEXICO).

THE Steamship

"VICTORIA."

Captain Casey, will be despatched for the above ports on or about the 28th instant.

For Freight, &c., apply to

SHEWAN, TOME & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1902. [1337

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS.

PLYMOUTH AND LONDON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"VALETTA"

Captain W. B. Palmer, Esq., carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this port on SATURDAY, the 3rd January, at NOON, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports.

Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Marseilles into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay with transhipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [1

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS

IN CHINA AND JAPAN for the above Line

are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS

OF LADING for all the principal ports in

SOUTH AFRICA, in connection with INDO-

CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'s fortnightly

service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailings from

CALCUTTA for CAPE PORTS every fortnight.

For Freight and further particulars, apply to

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,

General Agents for China and Japan.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1897.

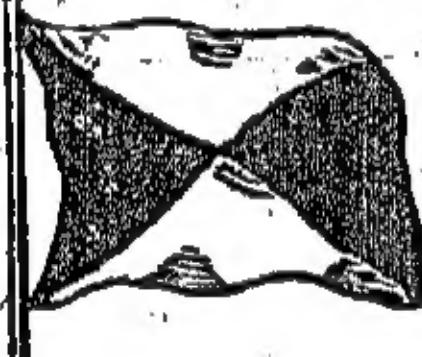
For Freight or Passage, apply to

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Hongkong, 29th December, 1902.

HONGKONG—MANILA.



Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manilla. Saloon amidships. Electric Light. Perfect Cuisine. Surgeon carried. All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.

CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

STEAMSHIP	TONS.	CAPTAIN.	FOR	SAILING DATE.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila Direct.	On 2nd Jan., at Noon.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila Direct.	On 7th Jan., at Noon.
DIAMANTE	1980	A. H. Notley		
PERLA	1980	J. McGinty		

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOME & CO.,

GENERAL MANAGERS.

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Hongkong, 29th December, 1902.

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, via MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA FOR

OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH THE OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO.

STEAMSHIP TONS. CAPTAIN TO SAIL ON

"INDRAVELLI" 4,800 W. C. Craven January 14, 1903

"INDRAPURA" 4,800 A. H. Hollingsworth February 14, 1903

Through Hills of Ladang, issued to Pacific Coast Points and all Eastern, Canadian and

United States Points. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

ALLAN CAMERON, GENERAL AGENT.

Hongkong, 9th December, 1902. [14

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK.

VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL (WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT PHILIPPINE PORTS).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1902.

"CROYDON" ... About 25th Dec. 163.

"MOUL" ... 6th Jan.

"HINDUSTAN" ... 15th Jan.

"SHIMOSA" ... To follow.

For Freight and further information, apply to DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1902. [711

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR MANILA. THE Company's Japanese Mail Steamship

"KUMANO MARU," 5,000 Tons. Captain E. W. Howell, will be

despatched for the above port on THURSDAY, the 1st January, at 4 P.M.

This well-known Steamer is specially constructed for the service in the Tropics, and is provided with superior accommodation and with all modern fittings and improvements for the safety and comfort of Passengers. Electric Light and Refrigerator. Doctor and Stewardess carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [3383

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

"INDEA" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK. THE Company's Steamship

"INDRADEO."

having arrived from the above ports. Consignees of Cargo to be hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Good notedear by the 30th inst., at Noon, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognized.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 12 M.A. on the 23rd inst.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1902. [3412

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"NINGCHOW."

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged from Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., in both cases it will be at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 25th inst.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

Goods undelivered after the 31st inst. will be subject to rent. All damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 31st inst.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1902. [2402

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

BAMBERG-AMERIKA LINIE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"PRINZESS IRINE."

OF THE NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 3 P.M. on the 24th inst.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 31st December, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on WEDNESDAY, the 31st December, at 9:30 A.M.

All claims must reach us before the 4th January, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The *Samuki Maru*, with the French Mail of the 30th ult., left Singapore on Saturday, the 27th inst., at 7 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 1st prox. This Packet, brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 26th October.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.

FOR

PRB

DATE

Canton

Honan

Monday, 29th, 7.30 A.M.

Haiphong

Hanoi

Monday, 29th, 9.0 A.M.

Europe, &c., India via Tunicorin

Monday, 29th, 9.0 A.M.

(Late Letters 11.10 to 11.30 A.M. Extra)

Postage 10 cents)

Shanghai

Monday, 29th, 9.0 A.M.

Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown,

Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and

Melbourne

Shanghai

Monday, 29th, 9.0 A.M.

Kingsland and Shanghai

Monday, 29th, 9.0 A.M.

Singapore

Monday, 29th, 9.0 A.M.

Hollow and Haiphong

Monday, 29th, 9.0 A.M.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow

Monday, 29th, 9.0 A.M.

Manila

Monday, 29th, 9.0 A.M.

Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., and

Tuesday, 30th, 9.0 A.M.

Tasman

Tuesday, 30th, 9.0 A.M.

Singapore, Penang and Calcutta

Tuesday, 30th, 9.0 A.M.

Shanghai

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Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., and Seattle

Tuesday, 30th, 9.0 A.M.

HONGKONG, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU AND SAN FRANCISCO

Wednesday, 31st, 9.0 A.M.

(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents)

Wednesday, 31st, 9.0 A.M.

TO-DAY.

Meeting of the China-Borneo Co., Ltd., noon.

Regular Meeting of the Etienne Mark Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, 5 for 5.30 p.m.

Janet Waldorf Co., Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Meeting of the Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd., 3 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

27th December.

ON LONDON.—

Telegraphic Transfer 1.74

Bank Bills, on demand 1.74

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 1.74

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 1.74

Creditors at 4 months' sight 1.74

Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight 1.74

ON PARIS.—

Bank Bills, on demand 2.01

Credits, at 4 months' sight 2.03

ON GERMANY.—

On demand 1.63

ON NEW YORK.—

Bank Bills, on demand 39

Credits, 4 days' sight 394

ON BOMBAY.—

Telegraphic Transfer 1194

Bank, on demand 1194

ON CALCUTTA.—

Telegraphic Transfer 1194

Bank, on demand 1194

ON SHANGHAI.—

Bank, at sight 71

Private, 30 days' sight 74

ON YOKOHAMA.—

On demand 204 p.c.m.

ON MANILA.—

On demand 1 p.c.m.

ON SINGAPORE.—

On demand 1 p.c.m.

ON BATAVIA.—

On demand 961

ON HAIPHONG.—

On demand 11 p.c.m.

ON SAIGON.—

On demand 1 p.c.m.

ON HANOI.—

On demand 686

Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate 12.46

Gold Leaf, 100 fine, per tael 56.0

P. E. Silver, p. 99.7

OPIUM.

24th December.

Quotations are:—Allow 10 per cent.

Malacca New \$10.00 to \$10.20 per picul

Malacca Old \$16.00 to \$16.50

Malacca Old \$10.00 to \$10.50

P. F. Per-wrapped to

Persian fine quality \$7.00

Persian extra fine to

Pata New \$9.95 to

Pata Old \$10.25 to

Borneo New \$9.85 to

Borneo Old to

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P.M. steamer *China* left Yokohama for this port via Inland Sea, etc., on the 23rd inst., a.m.The T.K. steamer *Nippon Maru* left San Francisco for this port, via Honolulu, &c., on the 19th inst.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Indo-Chin steamer *Norway*, from Calcutta and the Straits, left Singapore for this port on the 22nd inst., at 7 p.m.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The "Bon" Line steamer *Bendewa*, from Leith and London, left Singapore on the 22nd inst. for this port.The N.Y.K. steamer *Kumano Maru* (Australasian Line) left Nagasaki for this port on the 26th inst., and is expected here to-morrow.The H.A.L. steamer *Ambra* from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 15th inst., and may be expected here on the 31st inst.The N.Y.K. steamer *Monday Maru* (Bombay Line) left Kobe via Moji for this port on the 27th inst., and is expected here on the 1st prox.The N.P. steamer *Victoria* arrived at Yokohama on the 12th inst.The Barber Line steamer *Shimao* left New York on the 26th Oct. for Hongkong.The C.P.R. steamer *Athenian* left Vancouver on the 18th ult., a.m., for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.The Boston Tow Boat Co.'s steamer *Pleides* left Victoria, B.C., for Yokohama and the usual ports on the 4th inst.The P. & A. steamer *Indore* left Portland (Or.) for this port via Japan on the 10th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 10th prox.

STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.

OUTWARD.—14th Nov. *Breconshire*, 25th*Caledonian*, Ardross, 2nd Dec. *Ambrus*,5th *Telenodus*, Glengyle, Wurzburg,

Hugo, Lohian, Saeki Maru, 9th

C. F. Lachiz, Banca, Kaisow, Spithread.

JOINT STOCK SHARPS.

Hongkong, 21st December.

COMPANY. PAID UP.

Funds—Hongkong & Shantung, \$125

Nat'l Bank of China, A. Shares \$36

B. Shares \$28

Foun. Shares \$10, 100, 1000

Bell's Asbestos E. A. \$1, 10, 100

Campbell, Morris & Co. \$10, 35

China-Borneo Co., Ltd. \$16, 22, 220

China Light and Power Co., Ltd. \$20, 30, 300, 3000

China Prov. L. & M. \$10, 100, 1000

Cigar Companies—Albania, Ld. \$100, 1000

Philippine Tobacco Trust Co., Ltd. \$50, 100, 1000

Cotton Mills—Two \$100, 1000

International \$100, 1000

Lao Kung How \$100, 1000

Soychow \$10, 100, 1000

Hongkong \$10, 100, 1000

Dairy Farm \$10, 100, 1000

Fenwick & Co., Geo. \$10, 100, 1000

Green Island Compt. \$10, 100, 1000

H. & C. Laundry \$10, 100, 1000

Hongkong Electric \$10, 100, 1000

H. L. Tramways \$10, 100, 1000

H. S. Steamer Water \$10, 100, 1000

Hongkong Hotel \$10, 100, 1000

Hongkong Ice Co. \$10, 100, 1000

Hongkong K. & G. \$10, 100, 1000

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